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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS  
OCTOBER YIELD SURVEY

OCTOBER 2003 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **OCTOBER YIELD SURVEY** conducted the last week of September and the first week of October. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

*Dwaine C. Nelson*  
State Statistician

**NEW MEXICO:** **Corn for grain** forecast for October remained at 6.8 million bushels with yields expected to average 170.0 per acre. **Upland cotton** is still expected to yield 75,000 bales from the 42,000 acres expected to be harvested. **American-Pima** harvested acreage is forecast at 6,000 acres with yields expected to reach 960 pounds per acre, slightly below the record yield set in 2002 of 1,041 pounds per acre. **Sorghum** production forecasted is 3.15 million bushels, slightly below the September forecast of 3.5 million bushels, but still averaging 35.0 bushels per acre. **Peanut** production forecasted for October 1, remains the same from the previous month at 49.3 million pounds. **Dry edible beans** are forecast to yield 1,900 pounds per acre, with 10,000 acres expected to be harvested. Total production is forecast at 190,000 pounds. Alfalfa, hay harvested acreage is expected to be 250,000 acres compared to 260,000 in October 2002. Yields are forecast at 5.3 tons per acre, while total production is expected to reach 1.3 million tons.

**UNITED STATES:** **Corn for grain** acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain was revised in a number of States and is now forecast at 71.8 million acres, down 50,000 acres from September but up 4 percent from 2002. **All cotton** production is forecast at 17.6 million 480-pound bales, up 4 percent from last month and 2 percent above last year's production. Yield is expected to average 696 pounds per acre, up 29 pounds from last month. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage, at 11.9 million acres, is down 1 percent

from the previous month and 2 percent less than 2002. **American-Pima** production is forecast at 441,000 bales, up 2 percent from September, but 35 percent less than last year. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 401 million bushels, down 2 percent from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 51.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 0.3 bushels from 2002. **Peanuts** production is forecast at 3.95 billion pounds, down 1 percent from last month but up 19 percent from 2002. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.28 million acres, unchanged from the September estimate but down 2 percent from 2002. Yields are expected to average 3,095 pounds, 26 pounds below last month but up 534 pounds from 2002. U.S. **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 23.6 million cwt for 2003, down 3 percent from the August forecast and 21 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.42 million acres, the same as August but down 18 percent from last year. Hay production, for **alfalfa** and alfalfa mixtures, is forecast at 78.5 million tons, up less than 1 percent from the August forecast and 6 percent above 2002.

October 2003 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, 2002 and Forecasted October 1, 2003

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	49	40	180.0	170.0	8,820	6,800
All Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	57.1	48.0	844	870	100.4	87.0
Upland Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	50.0	42.0	816	857	85.0	75.0
A-P Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	7.1	6.0	1,041	960	15.4	12.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	80	90	35.0	35.0	2,800	3,150
Peanuts	Lb.	18.0	17.0	3,000	2,900	54,000	49,300
Dry Edible Beans <sup>3/</sup>	Lb.	8.0	10.0	1,800	1,900	144	190
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	260	250	5.60	5.30	1,456	1,325
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	69,313	71,765	130.0	142.2	9,007,659	10,207,141
All Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	12,426.6	12,107.4	665	696	17,208.6	17,559.0
Upland Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	12,184.0	11,939.0	651	688	16,530.3	17,118.0
A-P Cotton <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	Lb.	242.6	168.4	1,342	1,257	678.3	441.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	7,299	7,851	50.7	51.0	369,758	400,653
Peanuts	Lb.	1,296.7	1,277.0	2,561	3,095	3,320,490	3,951,900
Dry Edible Beans <sup>3/</sup>	Lb.	1,726.9	1,417.8	1,736	1,665	29,974	23,603
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	73,824	78,523

<sup>1/</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned. <sup>2/</sup> 480-Lb. Net weight bales. <sup>3/</sup> Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.